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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

   (a) Activities of the Conference secretariat: report of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

   (b) Preparations by the host Government;

   (c) Overview of the activities of the United Nations system and specific recommendations with regard to the principles of Agenda 21;

   (d) Recent activities of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process;

   (e) Preparations at the regional level: regional technical meetings;

   (f) Arrangements for the effective contributions of relevant non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

(g) Operations of the voluntary fund;

(h) Reports of the working groups.

3. Proceedings at the Global Conference:

(a) Provisional agenda for the Conference;

(b) Reports from regional technical meetings;

(c) Draft decisions and other possible outputs from the Conference.

4. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

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Note by the Secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

   (a) Activities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process related to the sustainable development needs of small island developing States in the light of relevant recommendations of Agenda 21;

   (b) Preparations by the host Government;

   (c) Reports from regional technical meetings;

   (d) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

   (e) Operations of the voluntary fund;

   [(f) Reports of the working groups.]

3. Consideration of plans and programmes to support the sustainable development of small island developing States and the utilization of their marine and coastal resources, which involve meeting essential human needs,

maintaining biodiversity, and improving the quality of life for island people, as well as measures that will enable small island developing States to cope effectively, creatively and in a sustainable manner with environmental changes and to mitigate the impacts on and reduce the threats posed to marine and coastal resources:

(a) Overview of the special problems of small island developing States:

(i) Current trends in the socio-economic development of small island developing States;

(ii) Nature and magnitude of specific vulnerabilities of small island developing States, including specific indicators of vulnerability;

(iii) Prospects for, constraints on and further options for sustainable development;

(b) Priority areas for the sustainable development of small island developing States:

(i) Management of environmental problems of small island developing States;

(ii) Management of the resources of small island developing States;

(iii) Capacity-building in small island developing States;

(c) Implementation, monitoring and review of the recommendations emerging from agenda item 3 (a) and (b) above:

(i) National implementation, including recommendations for national capacity-building;

(ii) Regional implementation, including review of relevant regional institutional arrangements and, where appropriate, recommendations for improvement;

(iii) International implementation.

4. Provisional agenda for the Conference;

5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

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3 (b) (i) Priority areas for the management of environmental problems of small island developing States include the following:

1. Climate change and sealevel rise, including coral bleaching and tropical storms;

2. Natural and environmental disaster preparedness, including early warning systems, disaster relief mechanisms and storm-resistant construction;

3. Management of waste.

3 (b) (ii) Priority areas for the management of the resources of small island developing States include the following:

1. Coastal and marine resources;

2. Freshwater resources;

3. Land resources, including sustainable agriculture and forestry;

4. Energy resources;

5. Tourism resources;

6. Biodiversity resources.

3 (b) (iii) Priority areas related to capacity-building in small island developing States include the following:

1. National institutions and administrative capacity;

2. Regional institutions and technical cooperation;

3. Regional transport and communication systems;

4. Science and technology;

5. Human resource development, including education, training, health and population.

3 (c) (iii) International implementation, monitoring and review of the recommendations emerging from agenda item 3 (a) and (b) above include the following:

1. Review of the responsiveness of international institutional arrangements to the sustainable development needs of small island developing States and, where appropriate, recommendations for improvement;

2. Recommendations for monitoring and follow-up within the United Nations system.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Draft provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

Proposal submitted by the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China

A. Draft provisional agenda

Item 1. Overview of the special problems of small island developing States:

(a) Current trends in the socio-economic development of small island developing States;

(b) Nature and magnitude of specific vulnerabilities of small island developing States, including specific indicators of vulnerability;

(c) Prospects, constraints and further options for sustainable development.

Methodology

Much of this can be drawn from existing reports and agreed resolutions already within the United Nations system.

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Item 2. Priority areas for the sustainable development of small island developing States

Part I. Management of environmental problems of small island developing States

(a) Climate change and sea-level rise, including coral bleaching and tropical storms;

(b) Natural and environmental disaster preparedness, including early warning systems, disaster relief mechanisms and storm resistant construction;

(c) Management of waste.

Part II. Management of the resources of small island developing States

(a) Coastal and marine resources;

(b) Freshwater resources;

(c) Land resources, including sustainable agriculture and forestry;

(d) Energy resources;

(e) Tourism resources;

(f) Biodiversity resources.

Part III. Capacity-building in small island developing States

(a) National institutions and administrative capacity;

(b) Regional institutions and technical cooperation;

(c) Regional transport and communication systems;

(d) Science and technology;

(e) Human resource development, including education, training, health and population.

Methodology

Each question under agenda item 2 is to be addressed in terms of the following:

1. Specific problems for small island developing States:

   To be addressed at the micro level in relation to each priority area, rather than at the macro level, as under agenda item 1.

2. Responsibilities of small island developing States:

   (a) Actions and policies required for environment and development planning, including economic and environmental policy, resource management, legislative framework and endogenous institutions;

   (b) Elements for inclusion in medium- and long-term sustainable development plans and response strategies;

   (c) Measures for enhancing endogenous capacity-building.

3. Responsibilities of regional organizations:

   (a) Development of regional approaches to sustainable development/environmental problems;

   (b) Technical cooperation for endogenous capacity-building.

4. Responsibilities of the international community:

   (a) Access to financial resources for sustainable development;

   (b) Access to environmentally sound and energy efficient technology, including delivery mechanisms;

   (c) Access to resources for endogenous capacity-building.

Item 3. Implementation, monitoring and review of the recommendations emerging from agenda items 1 and 2:

(a) National implementation, including recommendations for national capacity-building;

(b) Regional implementation, including review of relevant regional institutional arrangements and, where appropriate, recommendations for improvement;

(c) International implementation:

   (i) Review of the responsiveness of international institutional arrangements to the sustainable development needs of small island developing States and, where appropriate, recommendations for improvement;

   (ii) Recommendations for monitoring and follow-up within the United Nations system.

B. Documentation

A single report of 20-25 pages should be provided for the first session of the Preparatory Committee. The report should contain sections that address each agenda item and sub-item. It should be based on:

(a) National reports submitted during the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(b) Any supplementary national reports that may be provided by Governments;

(c) Relevant reports arising out of the regional technical meetings (including input from the regional economic, financial and environmental organizations, e.g. the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, African Development Bank and South Pacific Regional Environment Programme;

(d) Relevant information provided by organizations of the United Nations system, e.g. the United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and World Meteorological Organization;

(e) Reports submitted by other intergovernmental organizations, e.g. the Commonwealth Secretariat and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme;

(f) Reports submitted by the international financial institutions;

(g) Relevant contributions from non-governmental organizations.

C. Programme of action: general approach

The Programme of Action for small island developing States should follow the framework developed in Agenda 21. It should not seek to duplicate Agenda 21 but to address its implementation in relation to small island developing States. The focus should be on the problems and needs specific to small island developing States.

The agenda for the Conference and the Preparatory Committee should be designed to accommodate the structure of the programme of action.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

Draft decision submitted by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

Guidelines for the work of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States:

(a) Decides to approach its work taking into account the following guidelines:

(i) The outcome of the Conference should follow the framework developed in Agenda 21. It should seek not to duplicate Agenda 21 but rather to address the implementation of Agenda 21 in relation to small island developing States. The focus should be on the problems and needs specific to small island developing States;

(ii) Matters related to specific problems for small island developing States should be addressed at the micro level in relation to each priority area, as outlined in item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda for the Preparatory Committee, rather than at the macro level, as under item 3 (a);

(iii) Consideration of the responsibilities of small island developing States should address:

a. Actions and policies required for environment and development planning, including economic and environmental policy, resource management, legislative framework and endogenous institutions;

b. Elements for inclusion in medium- and long-term sustainable development plans and response strategies;

c. Measures for enhancing endogenous capacity-building;

(iv) Consideration of responsibilities of regional organizations should involve addressing:

a. Development of regional approaches to sustainable development/environmental problems;

b. Technical cooperation for endogenous capacity-building;

(v) Consideration of responsibilities of the international community should involve addressing:

a. Access to financial resources for sustainable development;

b. Access to environmentally sound and energy-efficient technology, including delivery mechanisms;

c. Access to resources for endogenous capacity-building;

(b) Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the documentation for the substantive session of the Committee, to take into account the above guidelines, as well as, inter alia, the following information:

(i) National reports submitted during the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(ii) Any supplementary national reports that may be provided by Governments;

(iii) Relevant reports arising out of regional technical meetings (including input from regional economic, financial and environmental organizations, for example, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the African Development Bank and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme;

(iv) Relevant information provided by organizations of the United Nations system, for example, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization;

(v) Reports submitted by other intergovernmental organizations, for example, the Commonwealth secretariat and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme;

(vi) Reports submitted by international financial institutions;

(vii) Relevant contributions from non-governmental organizations.